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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KENYA-SOMALI BORDER CLASH

REFS: A) NAIROBI 8079; B) NAIROBI 8160

1. FOR MOGADISCIO: IN VIEW OF SOMALI/KENYAN FIGHTING
REPORTED REF (A), AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN SHOULD APPROACH
VICE PRESIDENT KULMIYE OR OTHER APPROPRIATELY HIGH OFFI-
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CIAL AND INFORM HIM THAT USG IS DISQUIETED BY REPORTS
OF INCREASED FIGHTING IN THE REGION. WE ARE PARTICULARLY
DISTURBED BY THE REPORTED CLASHES BETWEEN KENYAN
TROOPS AND SOMALIS ON JUNE 24 AND 27 ON THE KENYAN SIDE
OF THE ETHIOPIAN BORDER. WHILE WE ARE NOT ASSERTING
THAT THE SOMALIS INVOLVED ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE
GSDR, WE ASSUME THE GSDR IS IN A POSITION TO EXERCISE

SOME INFLUENCE OVER THEM. WE THEREFORE APPROACH THE GSDR TO ASK THAT THEIR INFLUENCE BE USED TO CALM THE INCREASING STRIFE, PARTICULARLY IN HERETOFORE UNAFFECTED AREAS, :SPECIALLY KENYAN REGIONS BORDERING SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA. GSDR ACTION TO ENCOURAGE RESTRAINT IN THIS MATTER WOULD BE A POSITIVE ELEMENT IN US/GSDR RELATIONS.

2. FOR NAIROBI: YOU SHOULD INFORM KENYAN AUTHORITIES THAT WE ARE APPROACHING GSDR TO REQUEST THEY ATTEMPT TO RESTRAIN ETHNIC SOMALI ELEMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT

CLASHES AND THAT WE VIEW WITH CONCERN INCREASED CONFLICT IN KENYA/SOMALI BORDER REGION. YOU SHOULD ALSO CONVEY OUR BELIEF THAT RAISING OF THIS MATTER AT OAU MIGHT, BY MAKING CONFRONTATION PUBLIC, INFLAME DISPUTE TO THE DETRIMENT OF KENYAN/GSDR RELATIONS AND MIGHT ALSO BE USED BY PRO-SOVIET ELEMENTS IN GSDR TO BLOCK EFFORTS OF MODERATE ELEMENTS NOW ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE GSDR RELATIONS WITH THE WEST. SINCE WE BELIEVE KENYAN INTERESTS ALSO SERVED BY GSDR/WEST RAPPROCHEMENT, WE SUGGEST GOK ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION WITHIN PRIVATE CHANNELS. CHRISTOPHER

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